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5.	The Trudovaks have medical facilities roughly comparable to those of the Army, are these do not differ appreciably from those available to the civilian populace.	nd. 25X1
6.	In time of emergency, the armed forces will mobilize doctors and medical supplies from civilian hospitals,	3
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7.	children born after World War II are less healthy than those born before World War II.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Tuberculosis appears to have hit the post-war children	25 <b>X</b> 1
	worse than those born before the last war. Food quality and variety are also definitely inferior in Bulgaria today than in the pre-war period.	25X1

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